GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4700
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000
EXTREMISTS HIDDEN IN MOSQUE
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some extremists had hidden in a mosque on March 26, 2000 at Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the action taken by the Government to vacate the mosque;

(d) the number of personnel/civilian killed/injured in this incident;

(e) whether compensation has been given to the effected families in this incident;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): As per the available information, on March 25 evening, a group of 3 militants entered a Mosque at Chak Dodhipora, which is at about 5 Kms from Handwara, Kupwara. Security forces cordoned off the area with a view to vacate the Mosque. In exchange of fire between the militants and the Security Forces, all the three militants and one Security Force personnel were killed and one Army officer got injured.

(e) & (f) Relief assistance is provided by the State Government to the families of those killed in terrorist action in accordance with the norms fixed by them.

(g) The Security Forces are vigilant and are taking all possible measures to curb terrorism which includes, inter alia, flushing out militants, close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check inflitration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.